



**Dufferin Parent Support Network
Minutes September 12, 2011**

Present: Paula Conning, Barbara Horvath (recorder), Kolleen McIlveen (chair), Phyllis Noce, Joan O'Brien-Curtin,

Regrets: Pat Gardner, Kally Nicholson

1. Call to Order: approval of agenda: M. Horvath, S. Conning

2. Minutes; To accept the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting as presented
M. Horvath; S. McIlveen

3. Strategic Planning

A. United Way:

- a. No new funding for Dufferin is available for the coming year.
- b. The United Way Campaign is visiting DCAFS on Sept 23. Joan will put up the DPSN display for their visit.
- c. Our report for the current funding is due Dec. 31, 2011.

B. Dufferin Not for Profit Grant: (In Camera)

a. 2011 Grant – interim report was filed by due date

- i. Barbara had a follow up meeting with Stacey, who has provided all the materials she produced, letters she wrote, etc. on a CD.
- ii. Stacey is still finishing the lit review
- iii. The foundations Stacey contacted have all turned down DPSN's proposals
- iv. Despite the lack of financial results, the "case for support" and the research findings are very useful; we are very satisfied with Stacey's excellent work.
- v. A balance of \$2900 remains from the grant, to be spent by Dec. 31.
- vi. We agree to engage Stacey for \$1900 for final details of the project. Barbara will negotiate this work with Stacey. \$1000 will cover costs of new DPSN activities initiated during the grant.

b. 2012 Grant Process: deadline for applications – Sept. 30, 2011

- i. Paula and Kolleen reported on meeting with Lori Jane and Trish.
- ii. Contrary to our "understanding" DuCK will not provide any funding to DPSN, nor will MCYS or the Upper Grand District School Board. Without core funding, it is difficult to continue operating on a grant-to-grant basis.
- iii. We propose to lead a partnership proposal to NfP to explore a future collaborative of service providers working with children (0 – 21/24) and parents.
- iv. Prospective partners would be OEYC, DCAFS, Health, municipal recreation, FTP.
- v. Paula will contact the partners to ask for endorsement for the concept and the proposal and, given positive responses, will assemble a proposal with Barbara's help.

4. Coordinator's Report (in addition to written report)

- **Newspaper columns:**
 - September: Joan will write about the fall workshop schedule, with reasons parents will be interested and benefit from participating
 - Kathy Moran will write the Oct. column about the R-Zone
 - Kolleen will work on a column about parents as role models for interpersonal relations
 - Reserve column: Lara's column about socialization of kids with autism
- **Workshops**
 - Flyers will be delivered to schools by Joan this week
 - Facilitators – Holly Greenwood will attend the Nov. Board meeting to discuss her program.
- **Newsletter used Constant Comment format:** very attractive, efficient
- **Fall Fundraiser:** no ideas – to be discussed at Oct. meeting
- **Network Meetings:**
 - Dufferin District School Council – Kolleen will attend
 - DYAN – Joan has to send regrets for this month's meeting
 - Home & Lifestyle Show – no DPSN participation for the fall show

5. Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Phyllis reported on the audit and the bank balance.
- **Fundraising:** no further discussion

6. Next meeting: Oct. 17 at 3:00